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# **JUNE 17, 2015 PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA SUSSEX CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR 9:00a.m.**

## **I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL**

## **II ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

## **III APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the April 15, 2015 Public Session Minutes.

## **IV NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Bob Campanelli, Ethics Officer will present the mandatory ethics course for approximately one hour. No attachment.
- b. Senate No. 2906 which limits payments under health benefits plans to in-network amounts in certain circumstances; prohibits out-of-network health providers from charging carriers more than 150 percent of Medicare rate in certain circumstances.
- c. Howard Cooper, Executive Director of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians submits an inquiry in regards to the definition on the Board's website of OD not being reflective of the New Jersey scope.

## **V OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Division of Law submits approval of proposed language for Optometrists prescription blanks.

## **V OLD BUSINESS(cont.)**

- b. Harvey Richman, O.D., submitted an inquiry for Board review in regards to whether a “regular” optometric license allows for surgical procedures such as foreign body removal. After discussion at the December 17, 2014 Board meeting, a motion was made send Dr. Richman a letter in response to his inquiry advising him that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:12-1 “optometry is hereby declared to be a profession, and the practice of optometry is defined to be the employment of objective or subjective means, or both, for the examination of the human eye and adnexae for the purposes of ascertaining any departure from the normal, measuring its powers of vision and adapting lenses or prisms for the aid thereof, or the use and prescription of pharmaceutical agents, excluding injections, except for injections to counter anaphylactic reaction, and excluding controlled dangerous substances for the purposes of treating deficiencies, deformities, diseases, or abnormalities of the human eye and adnexae including the removal of superficial foreign bodies from the eye and adnexae”. Therefore, an optometrist license allows an optometrist to remove a foreign body if removed with a swab. In order for an optometrist to be able to treat the condition the optometrist must also have a TPA or OM certificate license.

Dr. Richman submits a comment in regards to the Board’s response.

## **VI FYI**

- a. New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs article, what’s the difference between Optometrists, Ophthalmologists and Ophthalmic Dispensers/Ophthalmic Technicians.

## **VII HANDOUTS**

## **VIII ADJOURNMENT**